

## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to female electrical terminals comprising a connection section for connection to a conducting wire and an opposing contact section for mating with a complementary male terminal. A flexible contact element is disposed within at least a portion of the contact section for urging a complementary male terminal into engagement with a contact section wall. The flexible contact element is protected from damage by prohibiting access to its leading edge. The present invention also relates to electrical connectors comprising female electrical terminals.